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1. SUMMARY. ASST. SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
POLICY AT THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY (STEEG) REVIEWED
APRIL 4TH EC COUNCIL MEETING AND FRG POSITION ON US
INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFERS IN MTN. SHE STATED VERY
STRONGLY THAT THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO IMPROVE ITS OFFER.
IF NOT, THE EC WILL INTRODUCE EXCEPTIONS, THE U.S.
WILL LOWER ITS OFFERS AND A SNOWBALLING EFFECT WILL

BEGIN. END SUMMARY.

2. MINECON MET WITH STEEG TO REVIEW EC COUNCIL MEETING AND EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF THE U.S. GREATER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS. STEEG OUTLINED THE COUNCIL DECISION AS DESCRIBED REFTEL WITH CERTAIN DIFFERENCES. THE EC WILL INTRODUCE AN EXCEPTIONS LIST ONLY IF THE U.S. DOES NOT IMPROVE ITS OFFER SATISFACTORILY. THERE DOES NOT EXIST AS OF NOW AN OFFICIAL LIST OR LISTS OF EXCEPTIONS, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL PAPERS ARE BEING PREPARED.

3. SHE CONTINUED THAT THE U.S. OFFER WAS NOT SATISFACTORY EITHER TO THE COMMISSION OR TO GERMANY. MINECON EMPHASIZED GENEROSITY OF U.S. GREATER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS AND STEEG CONCEDED FRG INTEREST IN AIRCRAFT AND AUTOMOBILE OFFERS, BUT SINGLED OUT TEXTILES AS AN AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAD EXPECTED TO LOBBY FOR THE U.S. OFFER AND DID, WE WERE IN FACT GREETED WITH A WARNING. DR. STEEG STATED, IN UNMISTAKABLE TERMS, THAT THE U.S. MUST IMPROVE ITS OFFER. THE EC EXCEPTIONS LIST IS A "SERIOUS THREAT" AND ONCE WE START TRADING OFF EXCEPTIONS BACK AND FORTH THE PROCESS WILL NOT END. SHE CASUALLY MENTIONED 30 PER CENT OR LESS AS A CONCLUDING FIGURE THAT MIGHT COME OUT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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